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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 February 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 31-38 and 40-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18, 26-33, 40-46 and 50-54 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19-25, 34-38 and 47-49 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 19-25, 34-38 and 47-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kang (US Patent No. 6,400,347).

As to claims 19-21, 34-36, 47-49, Kang discloses a display apparatus for displaying a color image by controlling the number of emissions or the intensity thereof in accordance with primary color video signals input thereto, wherein: output gray levels of images represented by the primary color video signals are adjusted in accordance with input gray levels of the images represented by the primary color video signals, thereby correcting white balance which varies with the number of emissions for, or intensities of, the primary color video signals. For example, Kang discloses that the **brightness** (or gray levels) of each of R, G and B and the color coordinates are measured every sub-field, a pair of color 1 erase pulses 105, 106 which have the same pulse width and inverted phase from each other are applied to be synchronized to the second sustain electrode 7 according to the number of the sustain pulses required in good white balance, and to the independently adjust the sustain periods of each color R, G, B, at least more than a pair of erase of a specific color are applied to the address electrode and the sustain

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electrode to adjust the ratio of the color signal, and thus enabling a correct adjustment of the white balance (see col. 7, line 63 to col. 8, line 22).

As to claims 22, 37, Kang discloses a look-up table can be used in the driving circuit and thus the white balance is adjusted by the change of data (col. 4, lines 13-15).

As to claims 23, 38, Kang discloses the detection portion detects the number of emissions or the intensity from a display ratio (e.g. color ratio) of an image produced by the primary color video signals (col. 4, lines 43-47).

As to claim 24, Kang discloses the emission due to the primary color video signals are produced from phosphors of three primary colors, red, green, and blue (col. 1, lines 35-38).

As to claim 25, Kang discloses that the display apparatus is a plasma display apparatus (col. 1, lines 6).

3. Claims 1-18, 26-33, 40-46, 50-54 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 2/6/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. With respect to claims 19, 34 and 47, applicant argues that Kang does not disclose "output gray levels of images represented by said primary color video signals are adjusted in accordance with input gray levels of said images represented by said primary color video signal, thereby correcting white balance which varies with the number of emissions for, or the intensities of, said primary color video signals" as recited in independent claims 19, 34 and 47. this argument is not persuasive because Kang clearly discloses that both input signals and the

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output signals are brightness or gray levels signals. The output gray levels are adjusted by applying erase pulse in the period, so that a ratio required in good white balance can be applied.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Xiao Wu whose telephone number is (703) 305-4721.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Hjerpe, can be reached on (703) 305-4709.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377

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April 18, 2004


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